

# HOOVER EXPLAINS THE FOOD CONTRACT WORK

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 20.—While both branches of congress continued desultory debate on the government's food control bill yesterday, Herbert C. Hoover, food administrator, spent four hours at the capitol emphasizing to a score of senators gathered informally to hear him, the vital importance of the legislation to success in the war.

Under sharp and argumentative questions by a group headed by Senators Gore, Reed and Vardaman, opposing the legislation, Mr. Hoover outlined his plans for conserving the nation's food supply, increasing production and cutting off the excessive profits of speculators. He did not conclude and will return to the capitol Friday for examination in an effort to clear congressional and public misconceptions and hasten action. The senate had only a brief discussion of the bill and recessed. With but a handful of members attending, house debate continued until late last night. Opposition there appeared to be waning and leaders hoped to conclude general debate today, planning then to consider amendments and pass the bill by Friday or Saturday.

Food conditions which face the allies and this country were explained by Mr. Hoover. Without government control, he said, success in the war may be imperilled. Such control, in a great degree in actual administration, he explained, will be voluntary and not enforced, "a mobilization of the spirit of self denial and self sacrifice" in preventing waste of foodstuffs.

"That the rationing of other enforced regulation of the American dinner table is proposed was denied by Mr. Hoover. Also he said requisitioning of factories or regulation of wages are not contemplated and that exclusion of war profits in distribution of food, largely by voluntary co-operation of business interests involved is the prime object of the bill.

Four basic measures of food control planned, Mr. Hoover said, are export regulation, control of distribution including speculation, mobilization of America's women and man in a campaign for economy and participation of the state in administration work.

Asserting that the allies' food supply will be 40 per cent deficient even with America's food surplus assisting, Mr. Hoover said the deficiency must be made up by sacrifice abroad and economy here. Saving of six cents a day per capita in this country, he declared, would save two billion dollars, while a 20 per cent saving in flour would give 100,000,000 bushels more to the allies.

In this connection he told the senators that speculators in flour alone have taken \$50,000,000 a month from the American public during the last five months.

Opposition drooped perceptibly in the house as the debate dragged along and Representative Haugen of Iowa, the only member of the agriculture committee to file a minority report against the bill, said there would not be fifty negative votes on final passage.

He said he would vote for it himself, although he would make an effort to restore to the list of necessities, shoes and clothing as originally proposed by the administration.

Representative Graham, of Illinois, speaking in favor of the measure submitted a comparative list of American and British prices on staples received by him from Ambassador Spring-Rice on last May 19. Some of the English prices were lower than the American prices despite the fact, as Mr. Graham said, "that England is surrounded by submarines."

The prices followed: English; beef, 44 cents a pound; butter, 40 to 56 cents a pound; potatoes, \$2.10 a bushel; bacon, 48 cents a pound, and flour \$3.20 a barrel.

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British have had thousands of destroyers, submarine chasers of all sizes and kinds, mine sweepers, aircraft and every other known method of combating submarines posted in these waters in the effort to keep open the shipping lanes.

In some quarters it was pointed out that the announcement that the American officer had been placed, even temporarily in command of British forces greatly superior to those under the American flag in those waters might have a political effect in Ireland, where the situation in turbulent with the approach of the Irish convention period. It might tend to show beyond question, it was suggested, that the British and American governments were in perfect accord.

Tremendous responsibilities have been placed on Admiral Sims' shoulders. The tale of torpedoed ships in Irish waters is an off-repeated one. It has been said that even without the American vessels, the

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# LOVE'S YOUNG DREAM SUDDENLY DISPELLED

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The ancestral estate of the Russian nobleman, which he had described vividly before their marriage in Washington in 1904, proved to be a tumbled down, ramshackle castle, surrounded by peasants' huts and

five miles from a railroad, Countess Gzycka testified.

The imposing array of 70 servants promised proved to be a horde of Russian peasant boys and girls who received no pay but their food and a trifling present at Christmas.

She declared that her husband's life was centered on hunting, drinking and women, that his father had died insane, that the servants lived in constant terror of him, and that he had married her solely for her money. All her income of \$20,000 a year had been used to maintain her titled husband, she continued.

The countess stated that she wished to be known as Mrs. Gzycka and wanted to lose her title forever.

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# TOWN SET AFIRE BY EXPLOSION OF OIL

(By Associated Press.)  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 20.—The town of Kirkpatrick, Montgomery county, Indiana, is reported burning, following the explosion of a car of oil. Communication is cut off.

MRS. PANKHURST ARRIVES TO ASSIST RUSSIA

(By Associated Press.)  
PETROGRAD, June 20.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst arrived unexpectedly yesterday and conferred with Elihu Root and Charles Edward Russell at the winter palace regarding ways to assist Russia in its struggle with the common foe.

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The soliciting committee has practically raised enough finances to make the show a grand success, although a number of the merchants and business men remain to be interviewed, but it is thought with the additional money which will be secured from them and what is already subscribed each and every detail of the celebration as discussed can be carried through to a successful conclusion.

A meeting of the executive committee will be held in the offices of Harry R. Grier tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, when final arrangements will be decided regarding every detail of the big doings and a full attendance of the committee is urgently desired.

Salvatore and Malone should both be in active training for their big boxing contest, which takes place at the Airdome on the afternoon of July 4th at 3 o'clock, and the fans are cordially invited to turn out and see these boys in their work stunts. The advance sale of seats will begin today at Rotholz Bros.

MRS. MOONEY GOT NITRE AT THE DOCK

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, June 20.—Mrs. Rena Mooney, on trial for murder in connection with a bomb explosion on July 22, which killed ten persons, was identified yesterday by Samuel Samuels, a stevedore, as the woman to whom he gave about 11 pounds of nitre eleven days prior to the explosion.

In his opening statement to the jury, Assistant District Attorney Louis Ferrari asserted that the state would offer evidence intended to show direct connection between the nitre which he said was one of the bases of dynamite, three books on dynamite alleged to have been found in Mrs. Mooney's apartment after the explosion.

On cross-examination Samuels testified as follows:

"I was going to lunch at noon. This woman, (indicating Mrs. Mooney), arrived in a jitney bus on the pier where the steamer was unloading nitre. She asked me for a little nitre. She said she wanted it to experiment with. I said I had no sack and she opened her handbag and took out a small sack. I hurried back to the vessel and got her about 11 pounds. She handed me twenty cents and said, 'Go and get a drink,' jumped into the machine and drove off."

On cross-examination by Edwin McKenzie of counsel for Mrs. Mooney, Samuels admitted that "three or four women" had at different times asked him for nitre. He could not remember their names, he said. He said that two months after the explosion he identified Mrs. Mooney in the county jail.

For Associated Press news read the Bonanza

PLEASSED WITH WHAT HE SAW IN TONOPAH

A. A. Black, mining engineer and a member of the class of 1905 of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, left this morning after spending some time looking after several Nye county mining propositions which had been submitted to his clients represented by the Estabrook interests. Mr. Black went away highly pleased with what he saw of Tonopah and the surrounding mines and may return before long.

Mr. Black was the guest of Letson Balliet.

It is simply impossible to surprise the Germans any more. They are always prepared to retreat.—Los Angeles Times.

MANY STATES ARE BEHIND IN THEIR WAR QUOTAS

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 20.—War recruiting for the regular army reached a total of 120,185 yesterday when 1551 men were enlisted throughout the country. New York led with 287, California, Colorado, Iowa and several other states are making rapid progress in filling their quotas.